

**REMARKS**

Claims 15-19 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 15-19 are added and claims 1-14 are cancelled. Support for new claims 15-19 can be found in the original claims and throughout the specification. See, for example, page 12, line 13 - page 13, line 21 and page 14, line 13 - page 18, line 5. Thus, no new matter is added by the above amendments.

Claims 6 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101. This rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of claims 6 and 12.

In addition, new independent claim 19 recites that the computer-readable computer program product contains an image processing program "stored in a recording medium" and thus should not be subject to a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101.

Claims 1-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,504,551 to Takashima et al. This rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of claims 1-14. Applicant submits that claims 15-19 are patentable over Takashima et al.

Takashima et al. discloses an image editing device in which picture signals stored in a hard disk device 20 are edited. See, for example, col. 14, lines 5-37. Thus, Takashima et al. does not disclose or suggest an image-capturing device that captures an image of a subject and outputs signals under first color coordinates comprising a plurality of color components, as recited in independent claim 15. Similarly, Takashima et al. does not disclose or suggest the "capturing" and "outputting signals" steps of independent claim 18, or the independent claim 19 instructions to "capture" and "output signals", which all involve an image-capturing device.

Takashima et al. also does not disclose or suggest the "color difference signal correction unit" of claim 15 or the corrected signals "outputting" step of claim 18 or "output" instruction of claim 19 that outputs corrected signals corresponding to the color difference components and a correction amount for a signal corresponding to the luminance component

"by using a two dimensional look-up table based upon the received [or converted] signals corresponding to the color difference components." The Office Action refers to LUT 52 in Fig. 12 of Takashima et al. in rejecting this aspect of the original claims. However, LUT 52 only receives a single input ( $\theta_s$ ) and is not a two dimensional look-up table.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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